

CLAIMS LISTING:

1. (cancelled).
2. (original) An electro-surgical apparatus, comprising:
an electrode with a cutting edge; and
one or more extenders;
a housing coupled to the electrode and including a top with a top proximal section and a bottom with a bottom proximal section, the top proximal section having a geometry that facilitates creation of a skin flap with a substantially uniform thickness that includes a skin layer and an adjacent layer of subcutaneous tissue, the bottom proximal section having a geometry that preserves a plane of tissue that is positioned adjacent to the adjacent layer of subcutaneous tissue; the electrode being positioned distally to the housing to cut or dissect through tissue to produce a selected plane of dissection within or between one or more tissue layers;
a guide coupled to the housing and configured to smoothly advance the housing over tissue; and
wherein a size and shape of the housing, electrode and extenders is selected to produce a substantially uniform depth of dissection.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the housing includes a gap between the top proximal section and the bottom proximal section.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the housing includes a chamber that facilitates creation of the skin flap.
5. – 13. (cancelled).
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:
an insulator coupled to at least a portion of the electrode.
15. –35. (cancelled).